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BOY ORATORS ARE HEARD.

FIRST NIGHT'S EXERCISES GIVEN OVER TO YOUNG MEN OF GRADUATING CLASS.

Ralph Flowers Awarded Garland for Athletic Prowess and Henry Spann Was Manual of Arms Model—Miss Daily Allen in Best Speller—Delightful Music by Rex Orchestra.

From The Daily Item, June 1.

An audience which filled the lower floor of the auditorium and a great part of the balcony of the new school for girls was in attendance on the preliminary exercises of the high school last night from which tonight thirty-four young men and ladies will receive their diplomas. Clad in gray cap and gown the young ladies and gentlemen greeted the rostrum in a manner which might well bring a feeling of pride to the hearts of their parents and their teachers.

As usual on the first night of commencement the exercises were turned over to the young men of the graduating class, who for three hours entertained with their drill and declamation the large audience which had assembled. The awarding of medals was a feature of the occasion which aroused much interest.

After a hard drill Henry Spann was announced the winner of the medal for the best drilled man in the manual of arms. Ralph Flowers and Edmund Parry were close competitors, the latter having been reduced to this number at a previous competitive drill. The manual, which is given by the school, was presented by Mayor L. D. Jennings, who called attention to the fact that the system of military training in the Sumter schools had been thought so excellent that it had received much attention throughout the whole country and had been copied in many schools. He stated that it was well to know how to fight, but he hoped that the young men who were trained here would not be called on to answer the call to fight in a foreign land.

At their own request and without a word of command the students were drilled by Captain A. A. Woods, and officers of the local militia organization acted as judges.

Miss Daily Allen proved herself the best speller in the high school, after a hard and close contest in which she found it difficult to defeat her closest opponent, Miss Hallie Cuttino, who tied with her on three examinations, but was defeated on the fourth. The I. C. Struass medal for spelling was presented to her by Mr. Mark Reynolds in an appropriate manner.

The Garland, a medal given by Mr. C. H. Wilson each year for the boy in the graduating class who is thought by his classmates to be the best all around athlete, went to Ralph Flowers, who was voted on as having the greatest prowess in athletics. The presentation was made by Mr. J. H. Clifton.

Following the awarding of medals came the declamations. There were eight of them, six of the men competing for the declaimer's medal. Two of the speakers had already won medals by being first at previous contests. The declamations were all good. Today interest is rife among the contestants and their relatives and friends as to which of them will be decided upon as the best, but this is a secret the judges will not let out until tonight, when the medal will be awarded.

The exercises last night were unique in several respects. They were held in the auditorium of the new high school building for girls, the first exercises held in the building, which is not yet complete. This is the only high school building for girls erected in the State outside of Charleston. The auditorium is a pretty hall with a balcony on the second floor surrounding three sides of the room. It is capable of seating about six hundred persons, although, unfortunately, the opera seats ordered for it have not yet arrived, and only a temporary lighting system was installed for the commencement exercises.

This is the first time in the history of the Sumter city schools that the high school students have graduated in caps and gowns, and probably this is the only high school in the State adopting this custom which has always been confined to colleges and universities.

The front of the stage was prettily banked with potted plants. Heavy green curtains shut off the view of the graduates until the exercises were about to commence, when the curtains were pulled aside and the young ladies and gentlemen about to complete their course were shown seated at the front of the rostrum, which had a

SEND OUT REGISTRATION BOOKS

ALL DEMOCRATIC VOTERS MUST HAVE NAMES ENROLLED.

Books Open Next Tuesday and Club Lists Will Be Compiled Similarly to Qualification Rules of 1914.

Columbia, May 31.—The new books of enrollment for the Democratic voters of South Carolina will be sent out today, so that all books should be in the hands of the county chairmen by Friday. The books will open for registration for the coming State primaries the first Tuesday in June and will remain open until the last Tuesday in July. The first State primary will be held August 29.

All costs in connection with the printing and distribution of the books will be paid by the State Democratic executive committee, which will also send out duplicate enrollment books later in the summer for the purpose of transcribing the names of all persons enrolled.

The rules adopted at the recent State convention prescribe that "there shall be a new enrollment of all voters in each election year." Notices of the opening of the books are to be sent out by the county chairman, who, aided by the respective county executive committee, will stipulate the boundaries of the club districts in his county. The books generally will be in the possession of the secretaries of each of the clubs.

Each applicant for enrollment must write his full name, giving also his age, occupation and postoffice address, or if in a city, his street address. Provision is made for those who can not sign their names. The qualifications of a voter in the primaries are: He shall be 21 years of age and a white Democrat; he must have resided in the State two years, and in the county six months and in the club district 60 days prior to the first primary following his offer to enroll. Exemptions are made if the applicant is a minister or public school teacher.

Ways and Means Committee Have Plan to Raise Money for Government.

Washington, May 31.—Draft of the Democrats' new revenue proposal was laid today before the house ways and means committee by Representative Hull, who has worked out a plan that would raise an additional hundred million from incomes, fifty million from inheritances and forty million from munitions.

Defying President Wilson the house public buildings committee has framed a bill asking for twenty millions for public buildings.

THIRTY THOUSAND PRISONERS

Austrian Campaign Against Italy Constantly Successful.

Vienna, May 30.—The Austrians are now only three miles from Asiago. Asiago and Arterio are being pounded to pieces by the big guns. The campaign thus far has netted thirty thousand Italian prisoners.

sharp upward incline. The other boys and girls of the high school were seated on the inclined stage back and above the graduates, forming a pretty picture of smiling, happy faces.

The exercises were opened with prayer by the Rev. Dr. R. S. Truesdale of Trinity Methodist church, after which the drill was held. Music by the Rex Orchestra was rendered at frequent intervals and afforded those present much pleasure.

The program of declamations was as follows:

Mr. Hammond's Argument—Ralph Flowers.

For Dear Old Yale—Dan Allen.

Music.

Graves' Eulogy on Grady—Hal Clarke.

The Unknown Speaker—Carlisle Stuckey.

Music.

Under the Southern Flag—LeRoy Colclough.

The Boy Orator of Zepata—Isaac Edwards.

Music.

The Constitution and The Union—Archie Richardson.

It Can't Be Done—Henry Spann.

Music.

(The two last are not in the contest; but each will receive a medal for a victory in a former contest.)

Class Motto: Labor Omnia Vincit.

The class exercises will be held tonight at the same place at 8 o'clock.

The young ladies will have charge of the entertainment and Supt. S. H. Edmunds will deliver the diplomas.

FREIGHT RATES UNCHANGED.

RAILROAD COMMISSION DISMISSES PETITION.

At Hearing Yesterday Transportation Companies Sought Elimination of Exception Sheet for Southern Classification.

Columbia, May 31.—Following a hearing yesterday the South Carolina railroad commission refused to eliminate the exception sheet from this State, as petitioned by six transportation companies in the State, for the purpose of substituting the Southern classification. An effort to get the representatives of transporting and shipping interests to agree on certain items on the sheet was futile.

The hearing was opened with a statement that the elimination of the entire exception sheet would not be discussed. Subsequently resolutions were offered by the South Carolina Freight Rate association to have a committee appointed to confer on the elimination of certain items, both sides to abide by the findings and recommendations of this committee upon their confirmation by the commission.

The fight by the transportation companies was headed by L. E. Chaloner of Norfolk, freight traffic manager of the Seaboard Air Line railway, who said that the railroads would notify the commission later if they decided to take further steps.

The main point that the shippers and carriers were unable to get together on, it seemed, was the time in which the items of the exception sheet was to be considered. The transportation officials wanted to give consideration to the matter immediately, while the shipping interests wanted further time for consideration, also they wanted the carriers to submit to them in writing the items they wanted to eliminate, and the carriers would not agree to this.

The transportation officials, through their spokesman, Mr. Chaloner, said that the railroads did not want to

South Carolina, their only idea in requesting the elimination of the exception sheet was to secure a greater uniformity of rates and a simplification of tariff in the various States.

Charles Kimmick, commissioner of the Charleston Chamber of Commerce, said that on the face of Mr. Chaloner's plea the theory of uniformity of rates was all right but in its practical application it was not so attractive. He claimed that individual States, acting independently, could not effect this uniformity, that there would be differences, and for the proposition of Mr. Chaloner to be accepted would mean that South Carolina would start a movement at its own expense.

CONDITION OF COTTON 79.1.

Increase in Acreage Over Last Year 9.6 Per Cent.

New York, May 31.—Replies from over 2,100 special correspondents of The Journal of Commerce, bearing an average date of May 23, show an increased acreage of 9.6 per cent. over last year and a percentage condition of 79.1 per cent. Condition a year ago was 80.4 per cent., in 1914 it was 78.2, in 1913 it was 80.5 and in 1912 it was 76.9 per cent., while the ten-year average is 78.9 per cent.

Acreage and condition by States, as compiled from over 2,100 replies of special correspondents, bearing an average date of May 23, follows:

Acre Changes	1916	1915	1914	1913	1912
N. Caro.	*5.8	79.1	86.2	79.4	78.4
S. Caro.	*6.4	69.7	81.0	77.9	69.9
Georgia	*5.7	74.4	82.0	82.0	75.3
Florida	*0.7	83.3	86.0	88.0	79.9
Ala.	*2.0	77.6	79.4	70.7	71.8
Miss.	*16.4	82.9	82.0	80.0	80.5
Louis	*15.0	81.1	77.4	81.5	81.6
Texas	*10.1	80.1	77.5	75.0	82.7
Ark.	*11.5	85.0	84.4	78.0	85.3
Ten.	*9.5	83.8	86.0	82.1	83.3
Missouri	*31.0	83.0	88.0	84.5	83.0
Okl.	*21.0	83.4	81.2	77.0	89.6

Average *9.6 79.1 80.4 78.2 80.5 76.9

COL. MOSBY DEAD.

Famous Confederate Leader Dies in Washington Hospital.

Washington, May 30.—Col. John S. Mosby, the Confederate cavalry chieftain, died today in a local hospital, after two months' serious illness of intestinal trouble.

Washington, May 30.—President Wilson delivered the address this afternoon at the Arlington memorial day exercises. The parade which was reviewed by army and navy officials, passed through Pennsylvania Avenue to the cemetery.

WILSON REJECTS DEMAND.

WILL REFUSE TO WITHDRAW TROOPS FROM MEXICO NOW.

Carranza Will be Informed That America Has No Utterior Motives in Staying in Mexico But Troops Will Remain Until Carranza Uses His Troops Efficiently to Suppress Bandits.

Washington, June 1.—It was officially announced at the White House today that President Wilson will reject Carranza's demand for the withdrawal of American troops from Mexico. It is stated that the troops will stay there until outlawry is suppressed and conditions are satisfactory.

A note to this effect will be sent soon. It will emphasize the fact that America has no ulterior motive in keeping military forces in Mexico and their stay will be shortened if the Carranza troops are efficiently employed in running down the bandits.

REGRET EXPRESSED.

Postmaster General is Sorry Blakeslee Was Officious.

Washington, June 1.—Burleson expresses regret at Fourth Assistant Postmaster Blakeslee's activity against railway mail pay provision postal appropriation bill.

WOMEN'S DRESS CONDEMNED.

Archbishop Messemmer Says They Dress Immodestly.

Milwaukee, Wis., June 1.—Archbishop Messemmer announces that women and girls "indecently dressed" will be refused holy communion. He says that immodesty and indecency in manner of dress by women and girls is most distressing and the ill-boding feature of modern society. He orders that sermons be preached in all parishes on the subject.

GERMAN PEACE SENTIMENT.

German States Want Peace and Show Open Irritation.

Amsterdam, May 30.—Von Bismarck-Holweg, the German Chancellor, plans to visit South Germany to sound out people about peace. Some of the States are showing open irritation at the attempt of Prussians to dominate the empire.

GERMANS TALK OF PEACE.

General Bernhardt Says The War is Drawing to a Close.

Berlin, May 30.—General Bernhardt, the famous German publicist has published an article saying: "It is now time for public opinion to occupy itself with the subject of peace." He says the war is drawing to a close.

GERMANS RENEW ATTACKS.

French Claim to Have Repulsed Attacks.

Paris, May 30.—The Germans renew their attacks west of the Meuse at Dead Man's Hill and Cumieres, but after violent shelling all attacks were repulsed. The Germans concentrate their fire northeast of Verdun on the Douaumont front. The big guns were active all night.

British Steamer Sunk.

Algiers, May 30.—The British steamer Trunkby was sunk in the Mediterranean by a submarine. All of the crew were landed.

Germans Lose Heavily.

Paris, May 30.—The enemy lost heavily in their attempts to advance in the region of Bois Caurettes.

German Aeroplanes Destroyed.

Copenhagen, May 30.—Twenty-four German military aeroplanes were destroyed when the aerodrome at Dresden was burned, a dispatch says.

WILSON WILL MARCH.

President Will Lead the Preparedness Parade in Washington.

Washington, June 1.—President Wilson announces that he will march at the head of the preparedness parade to be held here on Flag Day, June 14th. He will walk with the rest of the marchers, he tells the local committee who called on him to ask him to review the parade.

PRESIDENT GENERAL ELECTED.

Mrs. Josiah Evans Cowles of Los Angeles Wins.

New York, June 1.—It is officially announced that Mrs. Josiah Evans Cowles, of Los Angeles, Cal., has been elected president general of the Federation of Women's Clubs.

THE WATERWAYS BILL PASSED

MEASURE APPROPRIATING \$43,000,000 ADOPTED BY VOTE OF 35 TO 32.

Determined Filibuster by Kenyon and Sherman Brought to an End—Tillman Unable to Vote.

Washington, May 29.—After a persistent fight, lasting for three weeks, the senate today passed the rivers and harbors appropriation bill carrying approximately \$43,000,000, by a vote of 35 to 32.

The bill, which has been under constant debate in the senate for three weeks, will now go to a conference of the two houses. The fight against it, begun by Senator Kenyon of Iowa and Senator Sherman of Illinois, gained strength until the final effort to displace it with a bill appropriating a lump of \$30,000,000 was defeated today by only one vote.

Sensors Tillman of South Carolina and Thomas of Colorado (Democrats) sought to vote against it, but could not transfer their pairs, and thus were prevented from voting.

Just before the final vote was taken Senator Kenyon predicted it would be the last of its kind to pass an American congress.

"You are voting at least \$20,000,000 into this bill that is absolutely unjustifiable," said Senator Kenyon.

"You had an opportunity to correct some of this abuses, but you would not. Your motto is, 'Let the people speak.' Some day a congress will be here which will not consider that the greatest statesman is the man who can get the greatest amount of money out of the federal treasury."

"It is a pity that the whole blame for this extravagance must rest on the Democratic party because the bill never could be passed without Republican votes. There are patriotic statesmen on the Democratic side of the chamber, too, who fought hard for economy in this legislation."

Shortly before the bill was placed upon its passage, the Newlands amendment to create a national water commission was stricken from the bill on the renewed point of order made by Senator Gallinger.

The bill as it passed the house carried approximately \$40,000,000. Chief among the senate additions was \$1,800,000 for a diverting dam in the harbors at Los Angeles and Long Beach, Cal.; \$220,000 for the harbor at San Diego, Cal.; and \$360,000 for a turning basin in the harbors of Duluth and Superior on Lake Superior.

An appropriation for \$200,000 for deepening East river, New York, the only new project inserted in the bill by the house, and stricken out by the senate committee, later was restored in the senate. It was urged by the president and the secretary of the navy as an imperative preparedness measure in order to provide a channel for battleships to the navy yard at Brooklyn.

Senator Newlands' amendment to create a rivers and harbors commission, which was adopted but later stricken out on a point of order, proposed a commission of the secretaries of war, interior, agriculture and commerce and the chairmen of the house and senate committees interested in the framing of waterways improvement legislation to cooperate with the board of army engineers in investigating the whole subject of waterways.

It was adopted without a roll call, and with the approval of Chairman Clarke of the commerce committee. The amendment, which proposed an appropriation of \$500,000, was made the subject of a point of order after Senator Stone had made a similar objection to an amendment by Senator Kenyon proposing a permanent commission to deal with the waterways problem. Senator Stone refused to withdraw his point of order at the request of Senator Gallinger and the latter then insisted on his point against the Newlands' amendment.

KERN NOMINATES MARSHALL.

The Program for Democratic Convention Takes Shape.

Washington, May 31.—After a White House conference today Senator Taggart of Indiana announced that Senator Kern of Indiana will nominate Vice President Marshall for vice president at the Democratic convention. President Wilson's approval is considered certain.

Dinner for Veterans.

Dick Anderson Chapter U. D. C. will give its annual dinner to the Confederate Veterans of Sumter County, Tuesday, June 6th, at one o'clock on the court house grounds. All Veterans of the city and county are invited to attend.

KITCHEN UPHOLDS NAVAL BILL

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Washington, May 29.—Majority leader Kitchin made his promised speech in behalf of the naval appropriation bill in the house today, explaining that while he believed the measure provided for greater preparedness on sea than the country really needed he was supporting it because it eliminated the navy department's five year building programme. He devoted himself most vigorously to attacking the so-called big navy men, asserting that the present clamor for preparedness was due in the main to hysteria and jingoism.

In opposing the five year programme Mr. Kitchin said it would be foolish to contract for ships at present high prices when it was probable that the cost of materials would be much lower after the war.

General debate closed with Mr. Kitchin's speech and the house then began consideration of the bill under the rule permitting five minute speeches on amendments. This probably will be continued until 4 o'clock Friday afternoon, the hour set for the final vote. The house remained in session until late tonight and the leaders agreed to meet tomorrow at the usual hour instead of recessing over Memorial day.

Representatives Farr of Pennsylvania, Britten of Illinois and Roberts of Massachusetts spoke during the day for the minority with its larger building programme, including two dreadnoughts and six battlecruisers instead of the five battlecruisers provided for in the bill. Mr. Farr drew applause from the galleries in declaring in favor of building 25 capital ships, 250 submarines and many aircraft.

Representative Britten supported the bill as "unsatisfactory, unbusinesslike and a patchwork."

A score of amendments, introduced at the close of general debate were promptly voted down.

CARRANZA NOTE HELD UP.

Belief Spreads in Washington That It Will Not Be Made Public Until Republicans Adopt Platform.

Washington, May 30.—The belief is prevalent that the note from Carranza regarding the withdrawal of American troops from Mexico will be held up until after the Republican platform has been adopted. President Wilson will make an address at Arlington cemetery today at 1 o'clock.

RIOTS IN ATHENS.

Trouble Grows Serious and Troops Guard Royal Palace.

Geneva, Switzerland, May 30.—The riots in Athens have become so serious that troops have been called out to restore order. A heavy guard has been placed around the royal palace to protect King Constantine.

CYCLONE AT MEMPHIS.

Terrific Storm Sweeps Over West Tennessee.

Memphis, May 30.—Three persons are reported killed and fifty-three injured and hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of property destroyed by a cyclone in the territory within a hundred mile radius of this city. Great damage was done in the city, electric signs were destroyed, homes damaged by falling trees, and a big tow boat with sixteen boats of coal were torn from their moorings. The coal boats were sunk and the tow boat was driven high on a sand bank. The wind attained a velocity of one hundred and five miles an hour.

KILLED BY TSETSE FLY.

Brooklyn Physician Dies From Bite Received in Africa.

New York, May 31.—Dr. Albert Pervell of Brooklyn died today of Tsetse fly bite which occurred when he was in the Belgian Congo Africa several years ago. He was treated at Pastuer institute in Paris and was said to be cured, but a fresh outbreak of the disease caused his death.

AFRAID OF ROOSEVELT.

Republicans in Chicago in Panic Over Roosevelt's Barn Storming Tactics.

Chicago, May 31.—Hughes sentiment is slackening and all leaders are concerned over the Roosevelt demonstration in Kansas City and by the split in the Illinois support for Sherman in favor of Roosevelt.